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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIRPORT SECURITY

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1. MARCH 22 EXPLOSION AT BASTIA AIRPORT WAS ONE OF SERIES OF EXPLOSIONS OCCURRING ON OCCASION VISIT TO CORSICA BY PRIME MINISTER MESSMER. OTHERS, ACCORDING PRESS, WERE AT BASTIA SUBPREFECTURE AND AT SAN GIULIANO AGRICULTURAL STATION, BOTH ON MARCH 25. PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN USED IN ALL CASES. MESSMER VISIT WAS ORGANIZED IN EFFORT COUNTER GROWING UNREST IN CORSICA DUE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND ALLEGED NEGLECT OF ISLAND BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

2. EXPLOSION AT AIRPORT DAMAGED AIR INTER CARAVELLE WHICH HAD ARRIVED FROM MAINLAND AT 8 PM MARCH 21 AND WAS SCHEDULED DEPART ON RETURN FLIGHT AT 8 AM FOLLOWING MORNING. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, DURING THE NIGHT EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WAS AFFIXED TO FUSELAGE OF AIRCRAFT NEAR LANDING GEAR. IT EXPLODED AT 4 AM DAMAGING UNDERBELLY OF AIRCRAFT AND COCKPIT AREA. AIRCRAFT MAY BE BEYOND UNCLASSIFIED

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REPAIR. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. AFTER EXPLOSION

HANDWRITTEN NOTE WAS FOUND IN MAILBOX OF AGENCE
FRANCE PRESSE OFFICE IN AJACCIO READING: "WELCOME
TO MESSMER. WE CLAIM CREDIT FOR ATTACK ON CARAVELLE.
WILL EXPLAIN ACT SOON." IT WAS SIGNED WITH NAME OF
EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CORSICAN NATIONALIST.

3. WE ARE STILL AWAITING PROMISED REPORT
FROM SGAC PROVIDING ALL DATA REQUESTED REFTEL,
WHICH SGAC HAS IN TURN REQUESTED OF AIR INTER.
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